

SHELLFISH ADVISORY PANEL

**Virtual public meeting
Zoom webinar**

September 2, 2020



AGENDA



1. Aquaculture application 2019-10-047 (East Beach Oyster Co. LLC, Papa).
2. Aquaculture application 2020-05-083 (Van Hemelrijck).
3. Aquaculture application 2020-04-037 (Bowen).
4. Shellfish harvest schedules for winter management areas (Greenwich Bay, Bissel Cove, and Bristol Harbor Shellfish Management Areas).
5. Providence River Transplant.
6. Any Other Matters.

Virtual Meeting Participation



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Council/SAP Aquaculture Application Review (R.I. Gen Laws § 20-10-5(d))



§ 20-10-5. Procedures for approval.

- (a) Upon submission of a completed application to the CRMC, the CRMC shall notify the director, the MFC and any other parties that the CRMC may by regulation designate.
- (b) No application shall be approved by the CRMC or a permit granted prior to the consideration of recommendations by both the director and the MFC.
- (c) The director shall review the application to determine whether the aquaculture activities proposed in the application are:
 - (1) Not likely to cause an adverse effect on the marine life adjacent to the area to be subject to the permit and the waters of the state;
 - (2) Not likely to have an adverse effect on the continued vitality of indigenous fisheries of the state.
- (d) The MFC shall review the application to determine whether the aquaculture activities proposed in the application are consistent with competing uses engaged in the exploitation of the marine fisheries.
- (e) The approval by the CRMC shall be subject to any public hearings, consistent with chapter 35 of title 42, that it may require.



1. 2019-10-047 East Beach Co. LLC Beach Co. LLC (Papa), Ninigret Pond Pond

- 4.91 acre net expansion of current 11.8 acre lease (total of 15.6 acres)
- Reconfiguration of existing bottom plant to avoid boat traffic.
- CRMC site assessment found mostly soft mud bottom in 8-10 ft of water with 1.4 quahogs/m²



2019-10-047 East Beach Oyster Co. LLC (Papa), Ninigret Pond



Motion: to recommend to CRMC that the aquaculture activities proposed in the application is consistent with competing uses engaged in the exploitation of marine fisheries.

Motion made by: MM

Motion 2nd by: RP

Yea: JG, DG, MM, GS, MS, RT, RP, JM

Nay:

2. 2020-05-083 Van Hemelrijck, Point Judith Pond

- Proposed 0.55 acre primary site with hard sand bottom in 1.5-4' of water and 0.05 acre nearby winter storage site
- Had 1000 m² Commercial Viability site
- Cultivating oysters and quahogs using submerged cages and bottom plant
- CRMC site assessment 0.16 quahogs/m²
- This lease would complete PJP 5% limit



2020-05-083 Van Hemelrijck, Point Judith Pond



Motion: to recommend to CRMC that the aquaculture activities proposed in the application is consistent with competing uses engaged in the exploitation of marine fisheries.

Motion made by: RP

Motion 2nd by: DG

Yea: JG, DG, MM, GS, DM, RP

Nay: RT

3. 2020-04-037 Bowen, Sakonnet River

- Proposed 1.1 acre site in hard sand and rocky bottom in 1'-4' of water.
- Cultivating oysters using submerged bottom cages.
- Site overlaps with DEM recreational shellfishing layer.
- CRMC site assessment 0 quahogs/m²
- Site access via boat or private property.

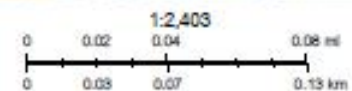
Aquaculture Location Sketch



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Areas

- Override 1
- Override 2
- Recreational Shellfish Area



RI Division of Fish & Wildlife Marine Fisheries



2020-04-037 Bowen, Sakonnet River



Motion: to recommend to RIMFC that the aquaculture activities proposed in the application is not consistent with competing uses engaged in the exploitation of marine fisheries. Also, due to the confusion regarding the alternative site description.

Motion made by: MM

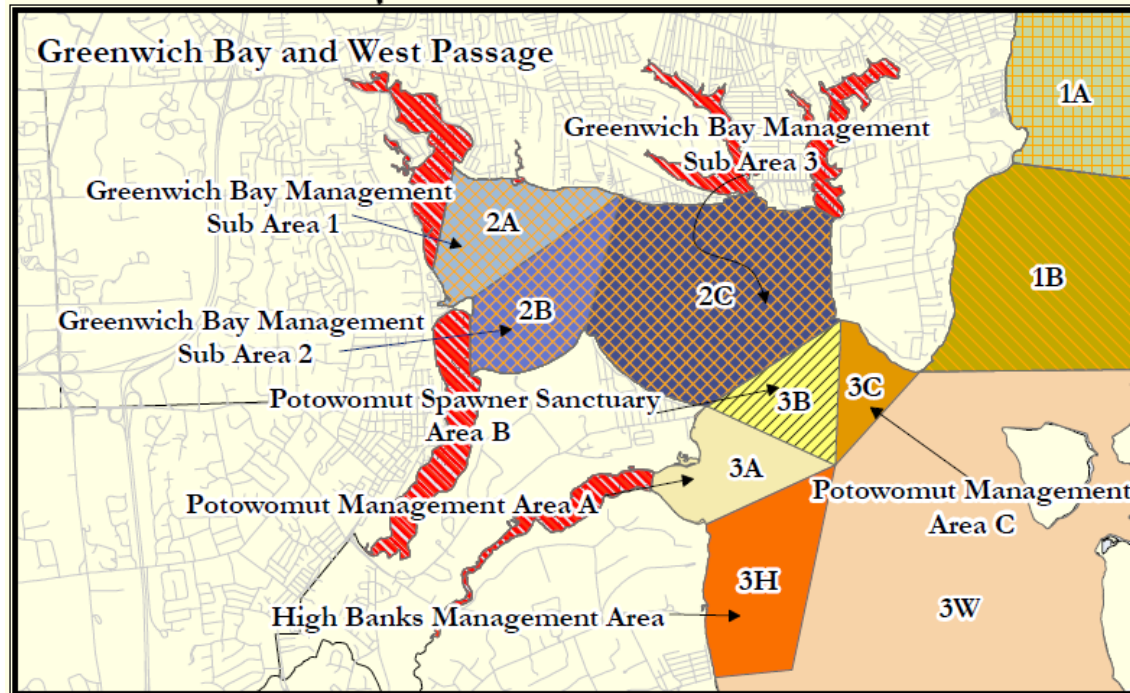
Motion 2nd by: GS

Yea: DG, MM, GS, BB, RT, RP, JM,

Nay:

Abstain: JG

4. Discussion on Winter Harvest Schedule for Shellfish Management Areas: Greenwich Bay Areas 1 and 2



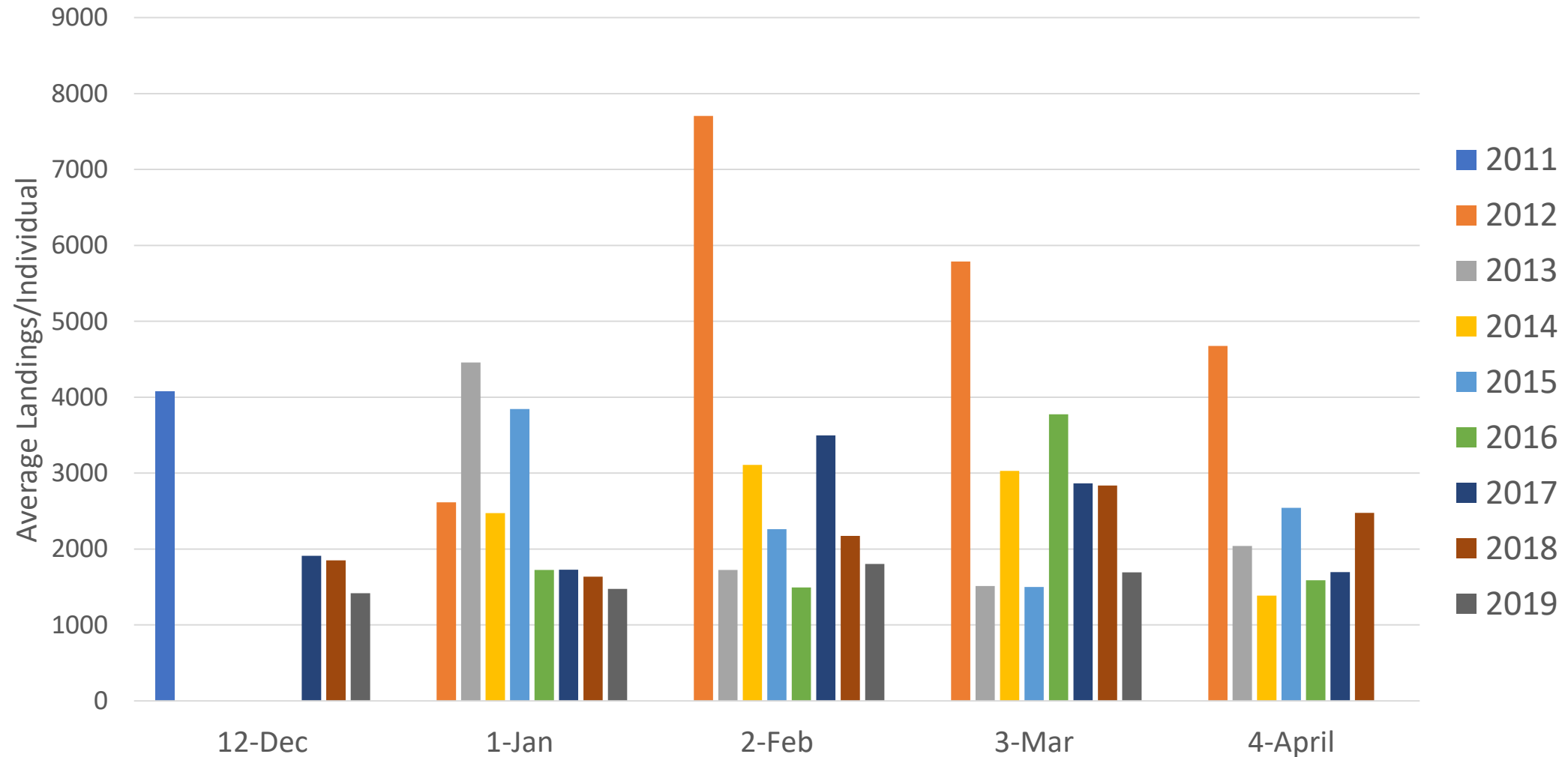
Provisions for Proposal

The schedule for the month of December may include up to 48 hours of permitted shellfishing, spread over any number of days during the month, excluding December 25.

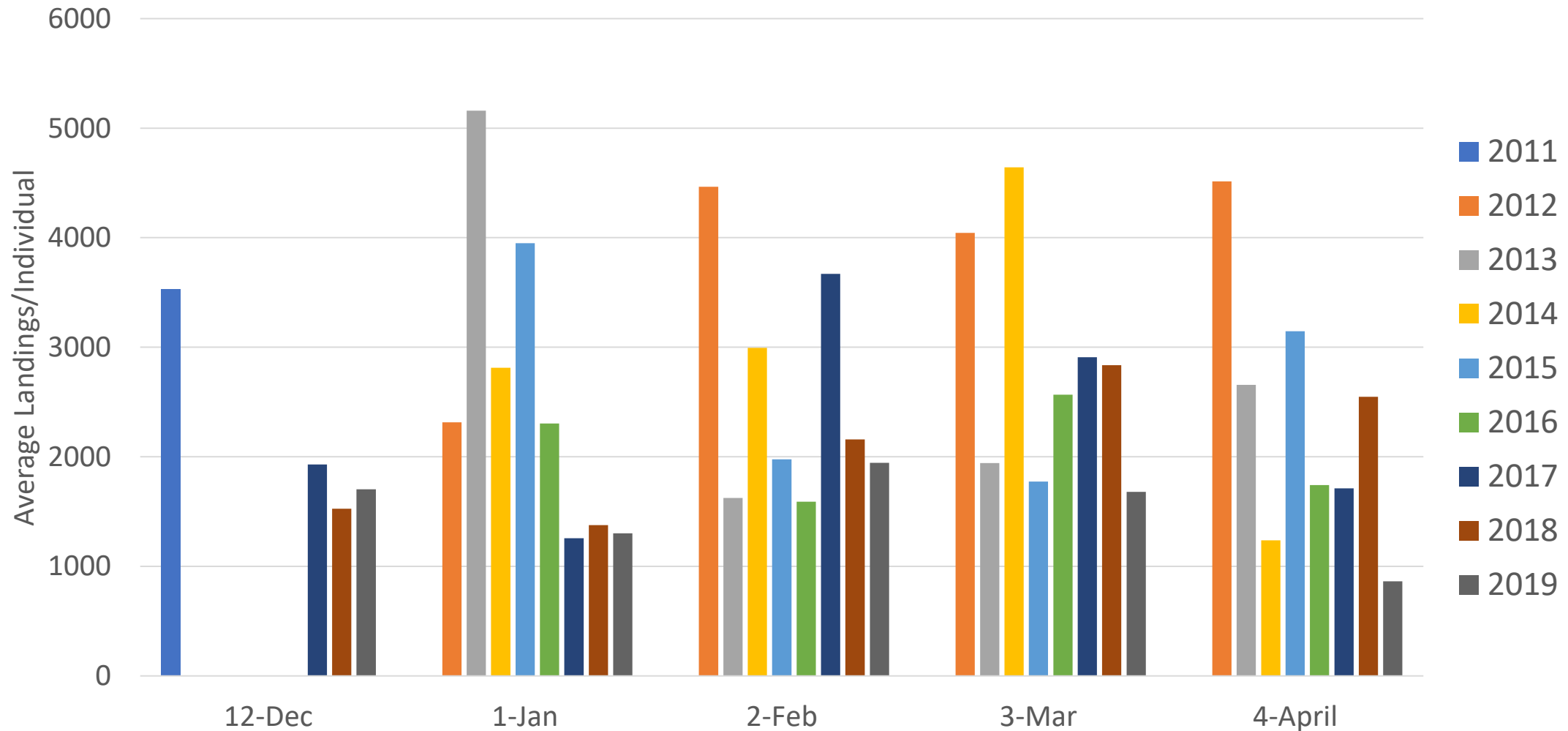
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Open 8:00A.M. to 12:00P.M.
noon on Mondays,
Wednesdays, and Fridays,
beginning on the second
Wednesday of December
(9th) and continuing through
the last Friday in April
(30th), excluding December
25 and January 1 annually.

4. Discussion on Winter Harvest Schedule for Shellfish Management Areas: Greenwich Bay Area 2A



4. Discussion on Winter Harvest Schedule for Shellfish Management Areas: Greenwich Bay Area 2B



Winter Harvest Schedule for Shellfish Management Areas: Greenwich Bay Sub Areas 1 and 2



Motion: to recommend to the council proposed schedule change. Greenwich Bay Sub Areas 1 and 2 opens December 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30. The 31st would only be permissible if weather closures do not permit harvest during one of the scheduled days.

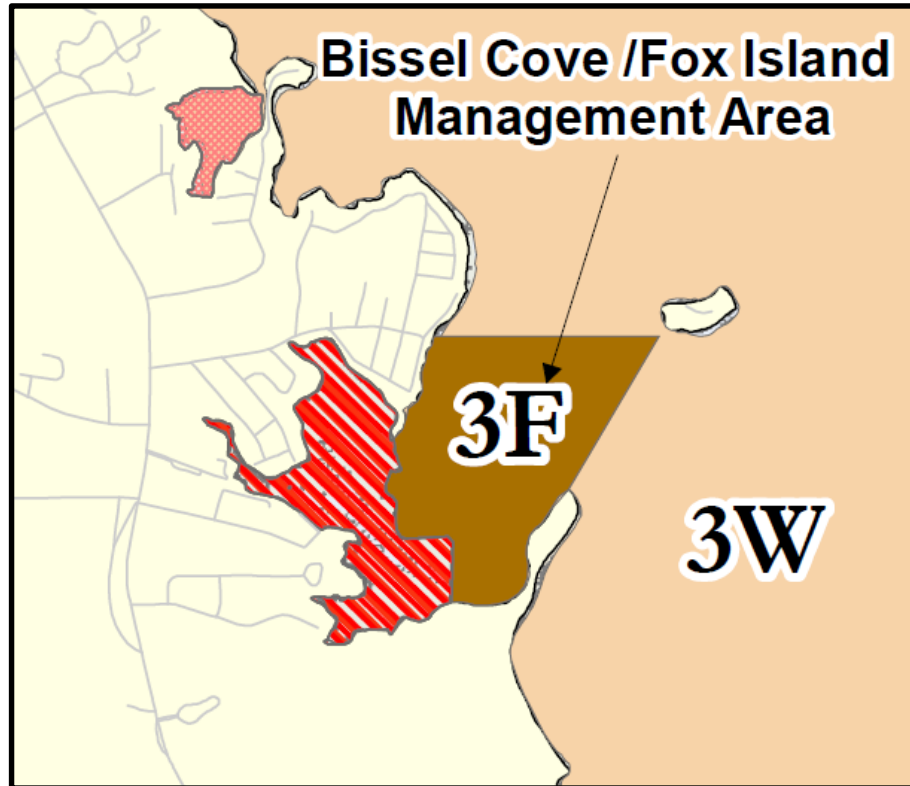
Motion made by: MM

Motion 2nd by: DG

Yea: DG, MM, GS, JG, BB, RT, RP, JM

Nay:

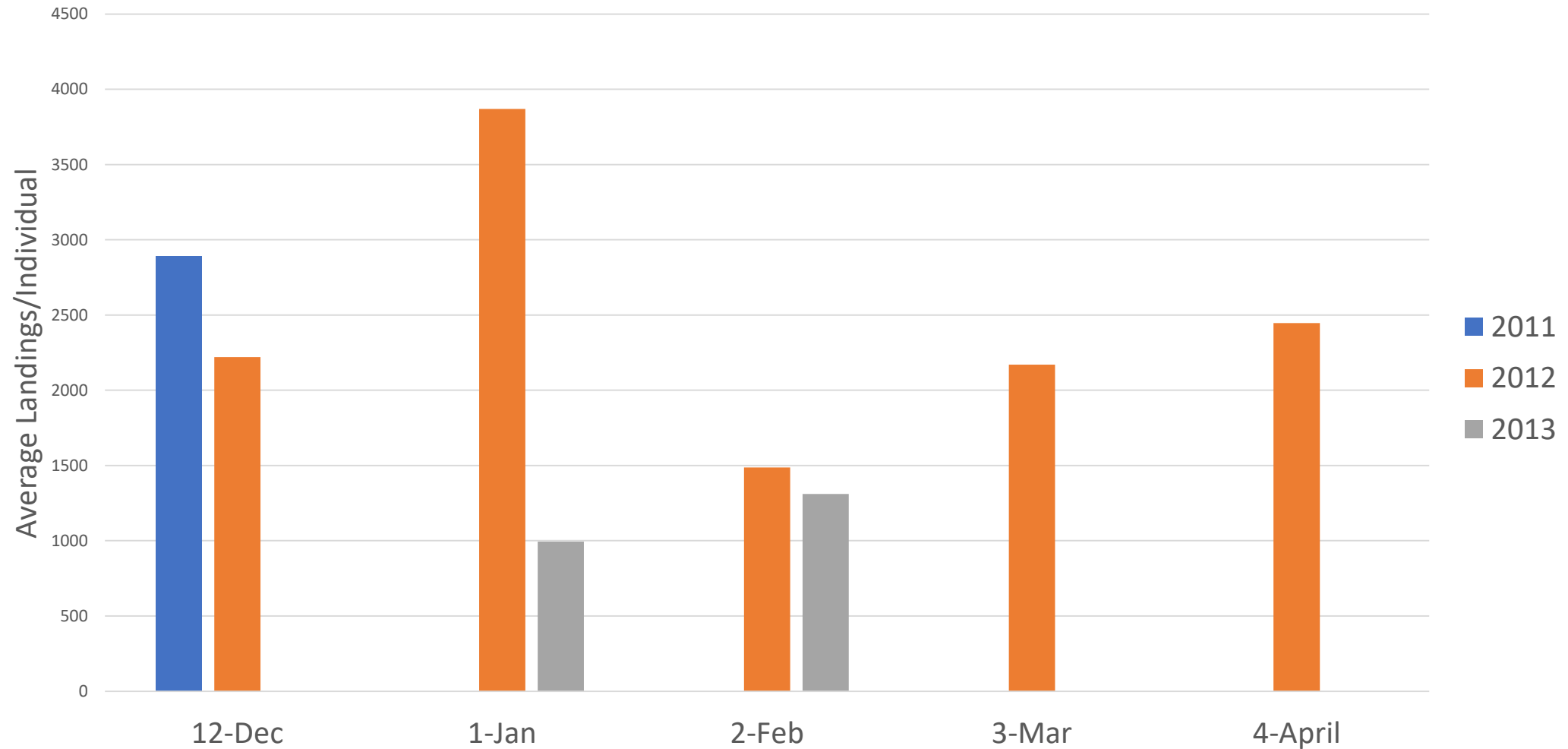
4. Discussion on Winter Harvest Schedule for Shellfish Management Areas: Bissel Cove



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Open 8:00A.M. to 12:00P.M. noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, beginning on the second Wednesday of December and continuing through the end of April, excluding December 25 and January 1 annually.

4. Discussion on Winter Harvest Schedule for Shellfish Management Areas: Bissel Cove 3F



Winter Harvest Schedule for Shellfish Management Areas: Bissel Cove 3F



Motion: to recommend to the council proposed schedule change. Bissel Cove opens December 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30. The 31st would only be permissible if weather closures do not permit harvest during one of the scheduled days.

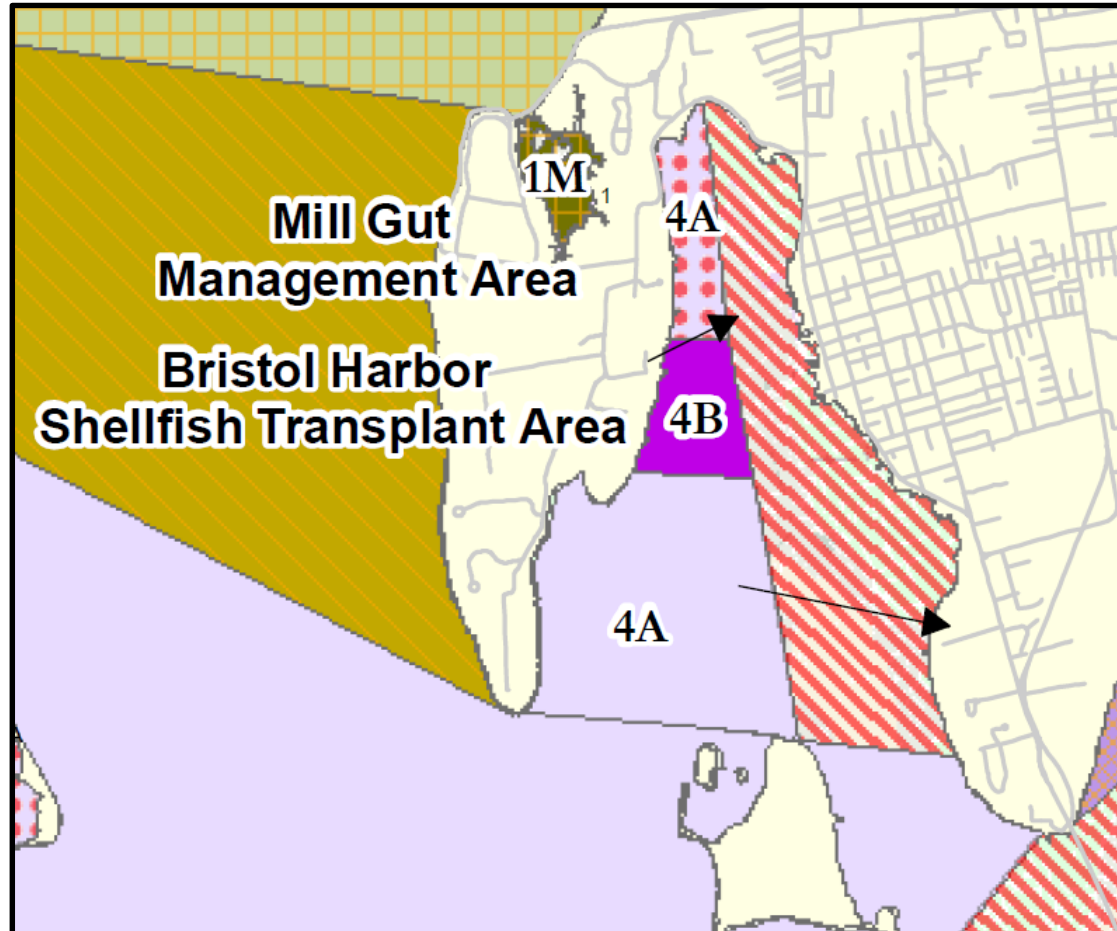
Motion made by: MM

Motion 2nd by: GS

Yea: DG, MM, GS, BB, RT, JM

Nay:

4. Discussion on Winter Harvest Schedule for Shellfish Management Areas: Bristol Harbor



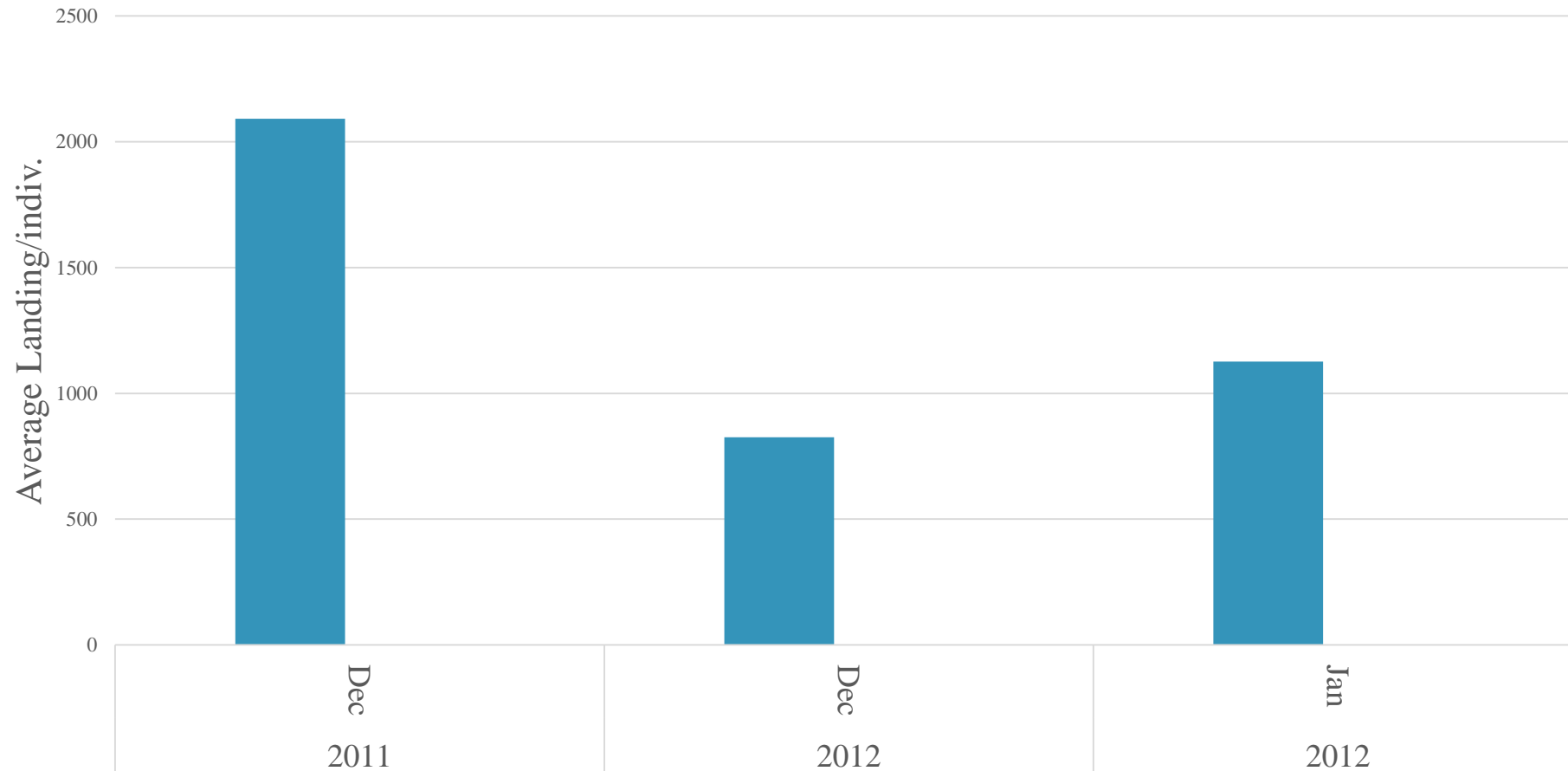
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- Open 8:00A.M. to 12:00P.M. noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, beginning on January 2 and continuing through January 31.
- Open daily February 1 through April 30.
- Closed May 1 through January 1.

4. Discussion on Winter Harvest Schedule for Shellfish Management Areas: Bristol Harbor 4B



Bristol Harbor 4B
Average Winter Harvest Landings



Winter Harvest Schedule for Shellfish Management Areas: Bristol Harbor 4B



Motion: to recommend to the council to keep the schedule as is.

Motion made by: JM

Motion 2nd by: MM

Yea: DG, MM, GS, BB, RT, JM

Nay:

5. Providence River Transplant

- Tuesday September 15th (weather day on Wednesday the 16th).
- 8:00AM – 12:00PM
- R/V John Chafee base of operations will be anchored centrally in lower PR
- Shellfisherman will be paid \$15 per 50 lb bag if assisting with dumping, otherwise \$10 per 50 lb bag
- Submit W-9 forms by **September 7th** to Kim Kirwan via email or mail, this also serves as a RSVP
- If a weather delay is necessary, a Marine Fisheries Listserve will be sent out and a recording on the Water Quality Closure Hotline (401)-222-2900.





6. Any Other Matters?